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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

This declaration is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination for consideration with the Amendment filed June 25, 2007. Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the Amendment filed June 25, 2007, together with the declaration of Michael W. Harris under 37 C.F.R. §1.312. The Harris Declaration further responds to the Examiner's inquiry regarding a condition where the pressure in a liquid recirculation path of a manifold is greater than the pressure in a dispensing path. In

particular, the Harris Declaration describes how a modular adhesive applicator includes a pump between a melter and a plurality of manifold segments and how the pump supplies adhesive from the melter to the manifold segments in an overfeed condition such that the pressure in the liquid recirculation path is greater than the pressure in the dispensing path. Applicants believe that the Harris Declaration and the remarks in the Amendment filed June 25, 2007, should address the Examiner's inquiry. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request early and favorable indication of allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes any issue requires further discussion, the Examiner is respectfully asked to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the matter may be promptly resolved. The Examiner's prompt attention to this matter is appreciated.

Applicants do not believe that any fee is due in connection with this submission other than the \$790 fee for the Request for Continued Examination. However, if any additional fees are necessary to complete this communication, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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